

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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The US House of Representatives unanimously passed the Veteran Access to Care Act (HR 4810) recently, while the U.S. Senate passed H.R 3230, legislation which would allow veterans to obtain the medical care they may need from non-Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities if the VA cannot provide them care on a timely basis. Both Bills include language that would enable veterans to receive Federally-funded care from non-VA health care providers if they are experiencing long wait times or live more than 40 miles from a VA facility.

It is no secret that many veterans have come to rely on Los Angeles County's health care system for medical care. While our Department of Health Services have had token partnerships in the past with the Veterans Administration, HR 4810 opens the door to a more substantial partnership between the VA and Los Angeles County for veterans' health care.

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**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Chief Executive Officer work with the Director of Health Services to analyze H.R. 4810, H.R. 3230, or similar Federal legislation, which could lay the groundwork for an expanded partnership between Los Angeles County and the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide health care to veterans, and report back in 30 days.

**I, FURTHER, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors send a letter to the County's Congressional Delegation, informing them of the County's strong support of HR 4810, HR 3230, or similar legislation that would enable veterans to receive medical care on a timely basis from non-VA facilities, such as the County's.

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